(c) received good reviews in prestigious film journals notified by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

Thus, only film which satisfy the above "quality" criterion can be imported even after liberalisation of imports. A clear-cut position will emerge only after this new policy is allowed to operate for some more time.

आकाशवाणी और दूरदर्शन द्वारा अफवाहों का खंण्डन किया जाना

3529. श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हाल ही में बम्बई में हुए दंगे के दौरान असमाजिक तत्वों द्वारा बड़े पैमाने पर अफवाहें फैलायी गयी थीं;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो क्या आकाशवाणी और दूरदर्शन से विशेष बुलैटिनों द्वारा इन अफवाहों का खंण्डन किया था;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्सम्बन्धी ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ङ) क्या सरकार भविष्य में कभी भी दंगों के फैलने पर अफवाहों को रोकने के लिए कोई प्रभावी कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है; और

(च) यदि हां, तो तत्सम्बन्धी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० पी० सिंह देव) :

(क) जी, हां ।

(ख) और (घ) आकाशवाणी और दूरदर्शन द्वारा अफवाहों का मुकाबला करने और स्थिति को पुनः सामान्य बनाने में सहायता करने के लिए विशेष घोषणाओं/बुलेटिनों सहित कई कार्यक्रम प्रसारित/टेलीकास्ट किए गए ।

(ङ) और (च) यदि भविष्य में ऐसी स्थितियां उत्पन्न होती हैं तो इनसे निपटने के लिए स्थानीय प्राधिकारियों के प्रसारण/टेलीकास्ट सहित आकाशवाणी और दूरदर्शन इसी प्रकार के उपाय करते रहेंगे ।

Rationalization of Distribution of Advertisement by DAVP

3530. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government are aware of the Maharashtra Government having appointed a Committee in 1986-87 to rationalise the distribution of Government advertisements to newspapers and of the Committee having submitted its report the system of distributions of Government advertisement working very well; and

(b) if so, whether Government intends to appoint a similar Committee to rationalise the distribution of advertisements by DAVP ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b) As per the present information, appointment of such a Committee by the Government of Maharashtra had not come to the notice of the government. The central government however, did appoint an expert committee under the Chairmanship of the Principal Information Officer on 16-7-1987 to suggest measures to rationalise the central government's advertising policy. This committee had submitted its report and the government's advertising policy has since been rationalised pursuant to that report.

News Broadcast in South Indian Languages

3531. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) on which meters/wavelengths the news broadcast in South Indian languages by the News Services Division can be heard in Delhi and at what times;

(b) on which meters/wavelengths the services provided under External Services in Telugu and Tamil can be heard in Delhi and at what times; and

(c) whether the programmes broadcast by Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada and Cuddapah be heard in Delhi and if so, on what meters/wavelengths ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) The National News Bulletins of All India Radio in South Indian and other regional languages are originated from Delhi for relay by the radio stations in the respective language region. As such, they are not available for listening in Delhi.

(b) The Telugu and Tamil services provided under the External Services of AIR are meant for listerners in East Asia, Southeast Asia and Sri Lanka and as such they cannot be heard in Delhi.

(c) The programmes of Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada and Cuddpah Radio Stations are meant for listening in the respective regions of Andhra Pradesh and as such they are not a available for listening in Delhi.

Priorisation of Doordarshan Serials

3532. SMT. VEENA VERMA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) what steps have been taken to priorities Doordarshan serials cleared by CBI; and

(b) what are the details of the serials already prioritised; and what criteria has been adopted for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b) Prioritisation of serials to meet Doordarshan requirements from amongst at graded shortlisted proposals under the New Sponsorship Scheme of October 1990 only, is sought to be done through random number generation using a computer in order to ensure transparency and objectivity in the exercise.

Teletext Services of Doordarshan

3533. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION & BROADCASTING be pleased to state the timings of teletext services that can be viewed on Channel I and Channel II of the Delhi Doordarshan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : Teletext Service of Doordarshan is, at present, transmitted only on Second Channel of Delhi from 0300 hrs. to 2330 hrs. with one hour break from 1300 hrs. to 1400 hrs. and can be viewed with the use of a teletext 'decoder'. Without the benefit of a 'decoder', limited information pages only can be viewed in the picture mode during the following periods, except when other programmes are shown in such periods :—

0300 hrs. to 1300 hars. Daily

1400 hrs. to 1815 hrs. Mon.—Fri.

1915 hrs. Sat-Sun.

2230 hrs. to 2330 hrs. Daily.

Telecast of Cultural Activities of Eminent Personalities

3534. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a need to telecast cultural news by Doordarshan;

(b) whether the cultural activities of a few personages will be highly appreciated by the viewers; and